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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday May 5, 2023

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Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Slight Risk of severe thunderstorms over N/Ctrl TX, S OK, E LA today and a marginal risk from NE OK into SW TX, N AR on Saturday. Very large hail will be the main threat today with large hail and damaging winds as threats Saturday. Marginal risk for Ctrl OK, Ctrl TX Sunday.**
- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions over NM, W TX through Sunday.**
- **Marginal risk for heavy rainfall/flash flooding in E LA today and N AR Tuesday.**
- **Minor river flooding ongoing in E TX and S AR.**



FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 5, 2023 - May 9, 2023

DAY / THREAT	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Severe Storms	N/Ctrl TX, S OK, E LA	NE OK into SW TX, N AR	Ctrl OK, Ctrl TX		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E LA				N AR
Fire Weather	NM, WTX	NM, WTX	NM		
Tropical Winds / Surge					
River Flooding	S AR, ETX, N NM	S AR, ETX, N NM	S AR, ETX, N NM	S AR, ETX, N NM	S AR, ETX, N NM

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

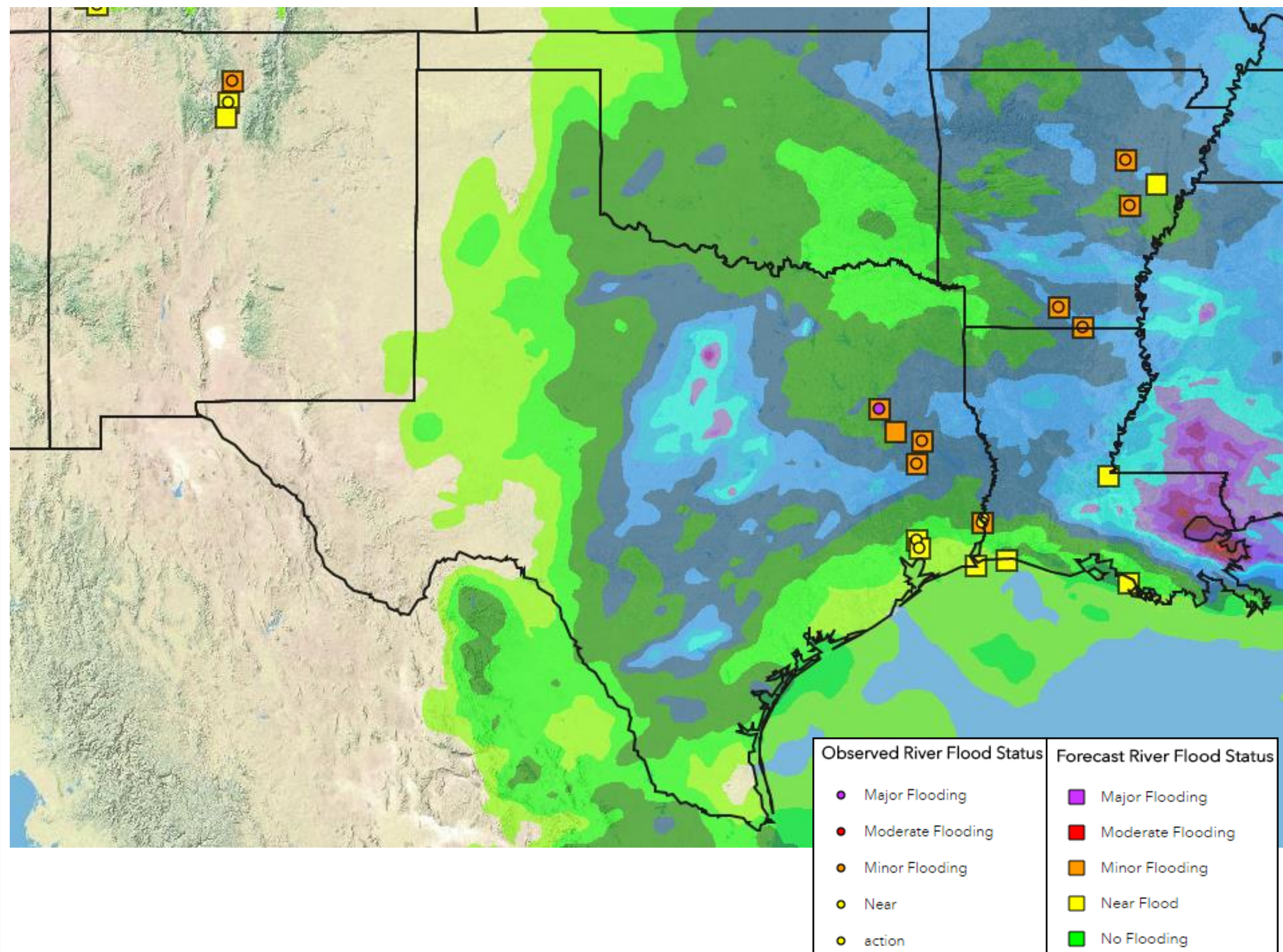
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



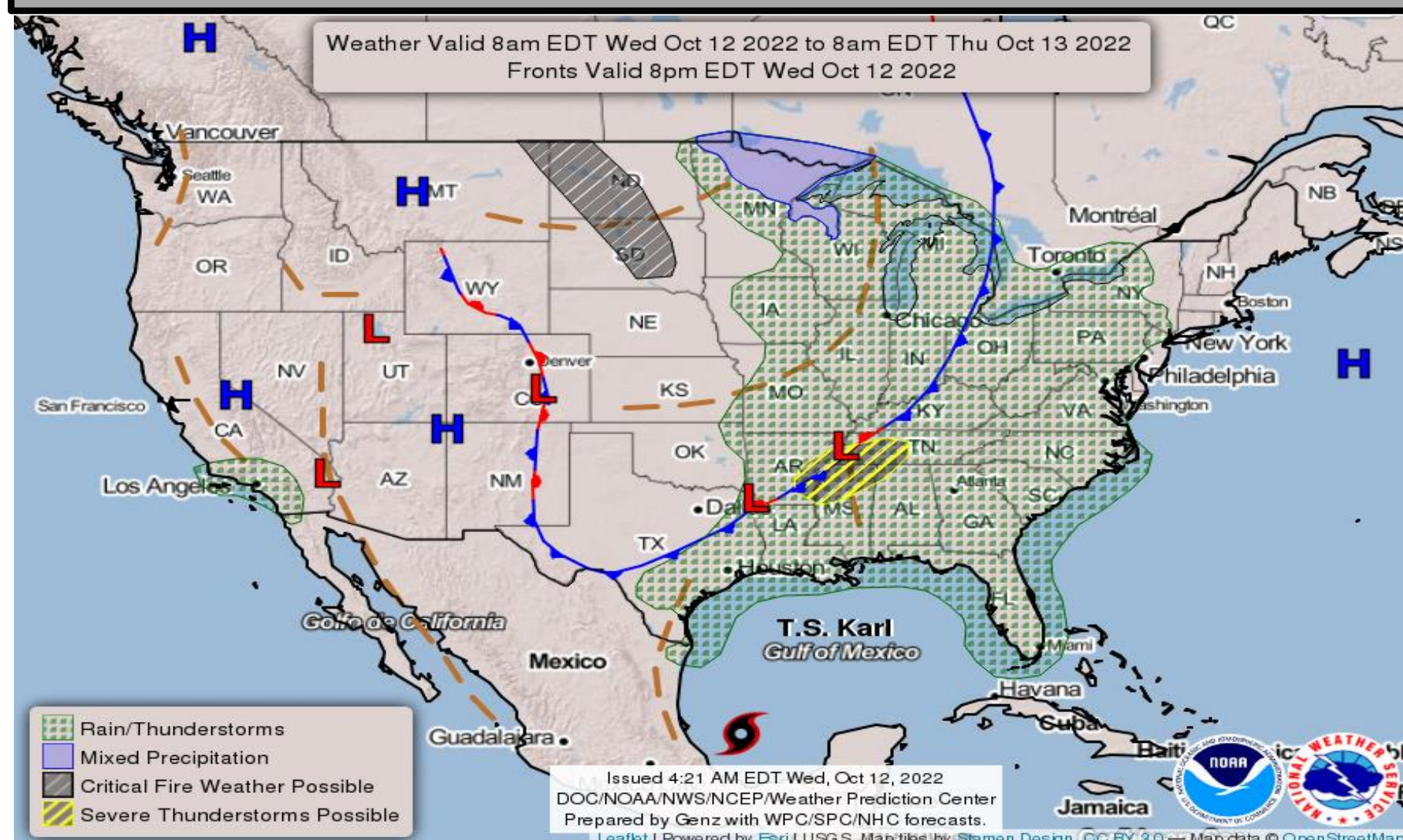
Minor river flooding is ongoing in S AR, ETX, N NM. Minor impacts to secondary roads, agricultural areas, and/or recreational areas.

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for latest river flooding

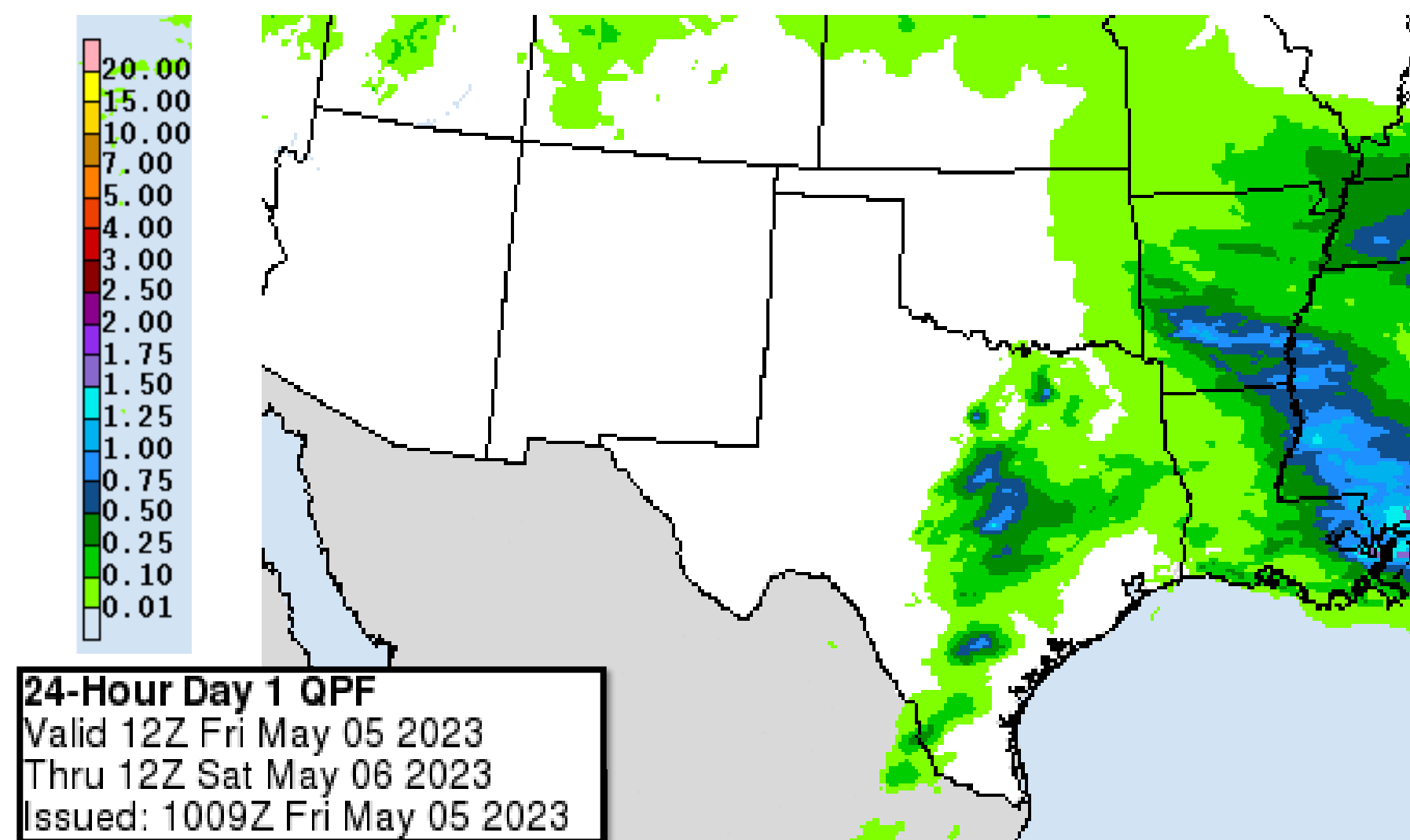


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

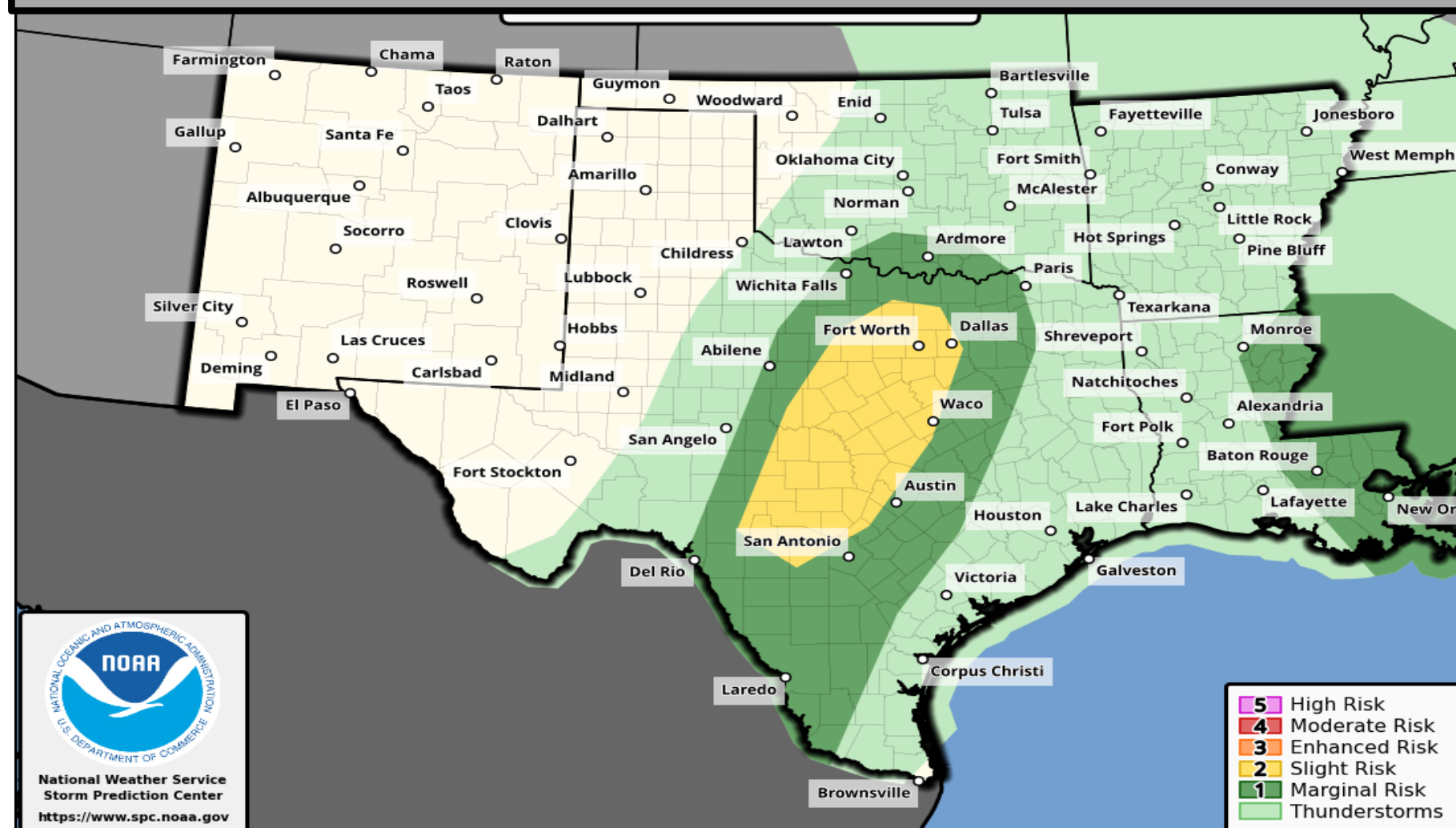


**Critical fire weather conditions
NM, W TX.**

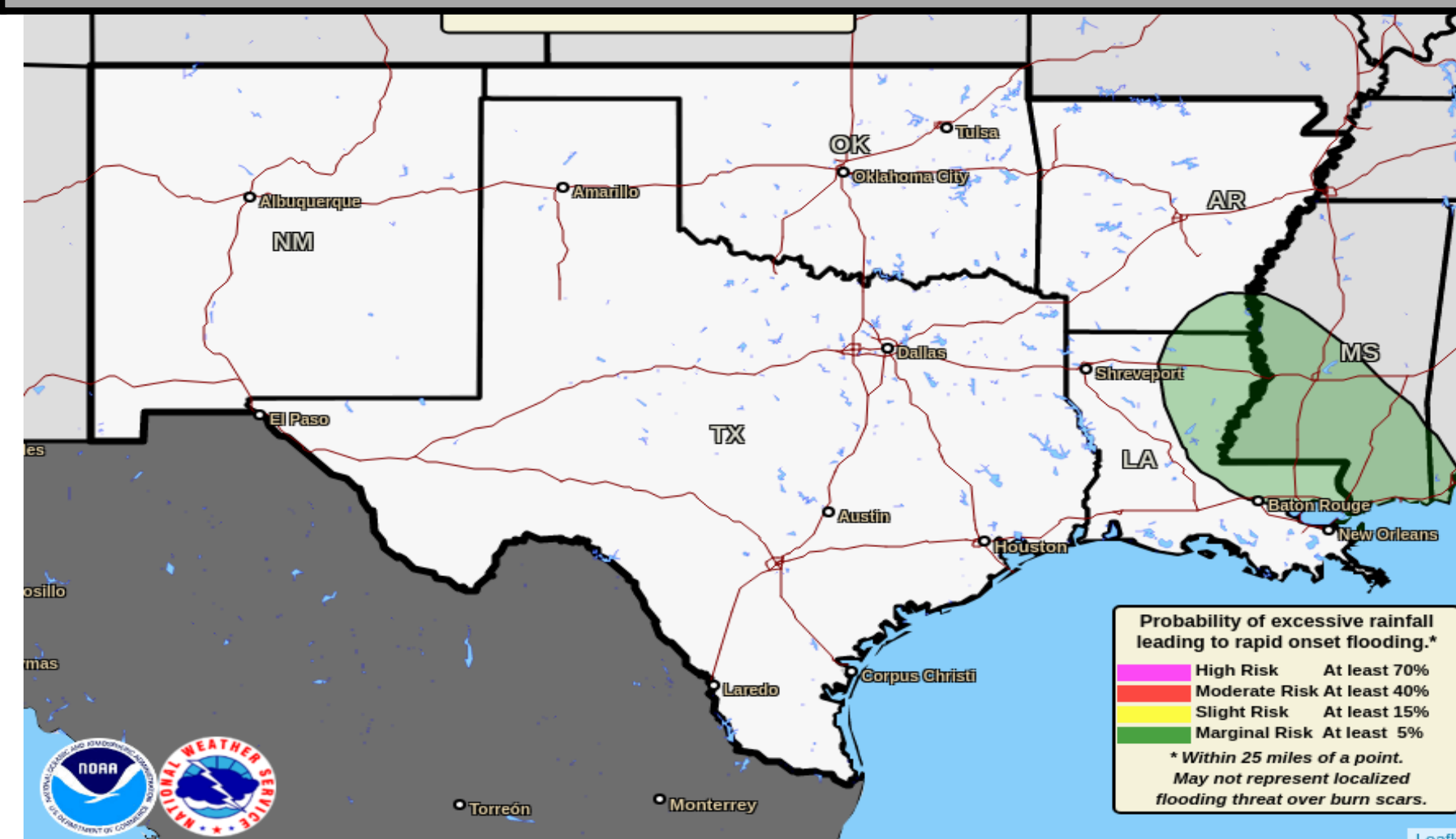
**Slight risk for severe
thunderstorms N/Ctrl TX, S
OK, E LA. Main threat is very
large hail (2"+). Damaging
winds and a tornado are
possible.**

**Marginal risk for heavy
rainfall/flash flooding in E LA.
2" per hr rainfall rates are
possible.**

Severe Weather Outlook

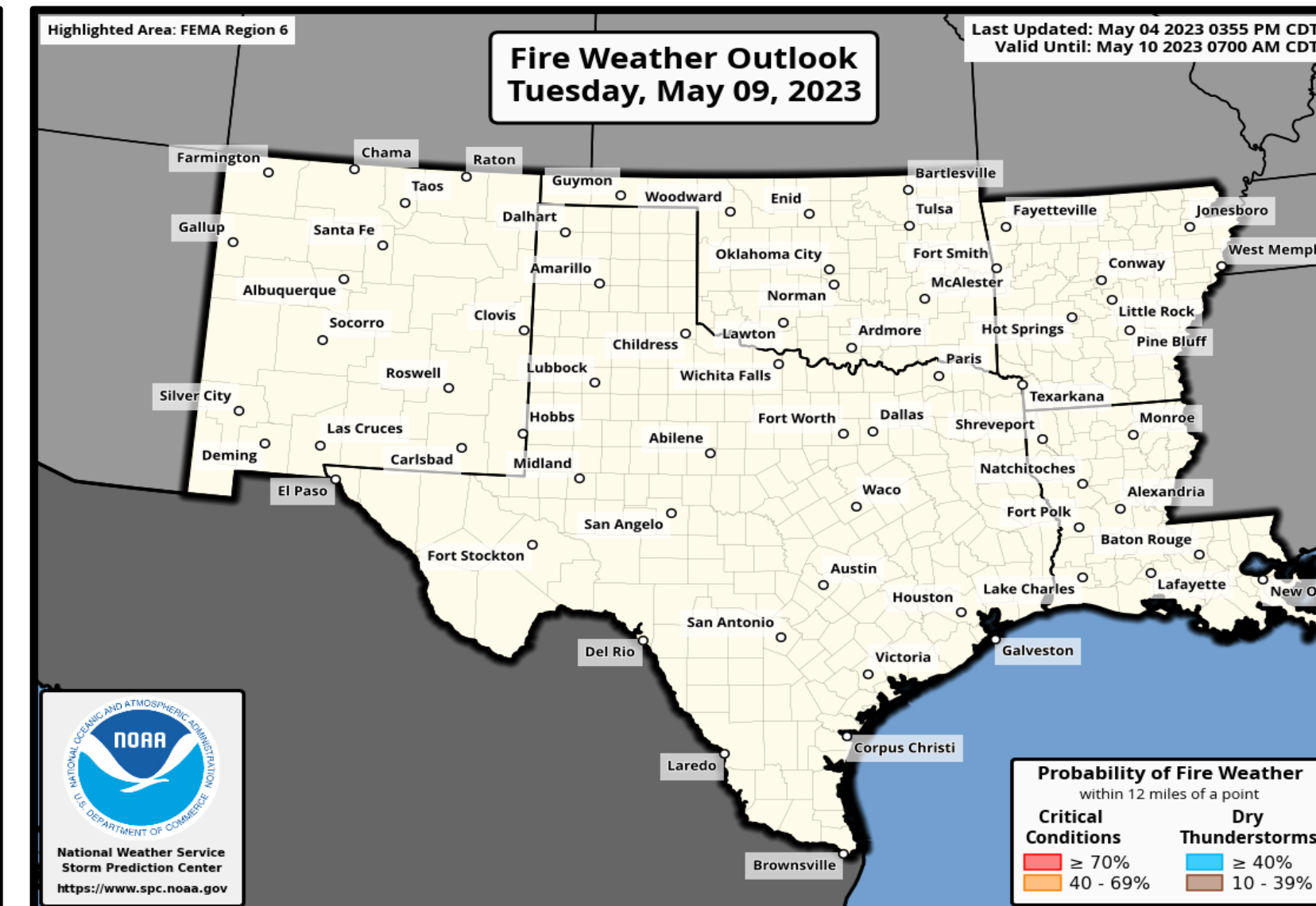
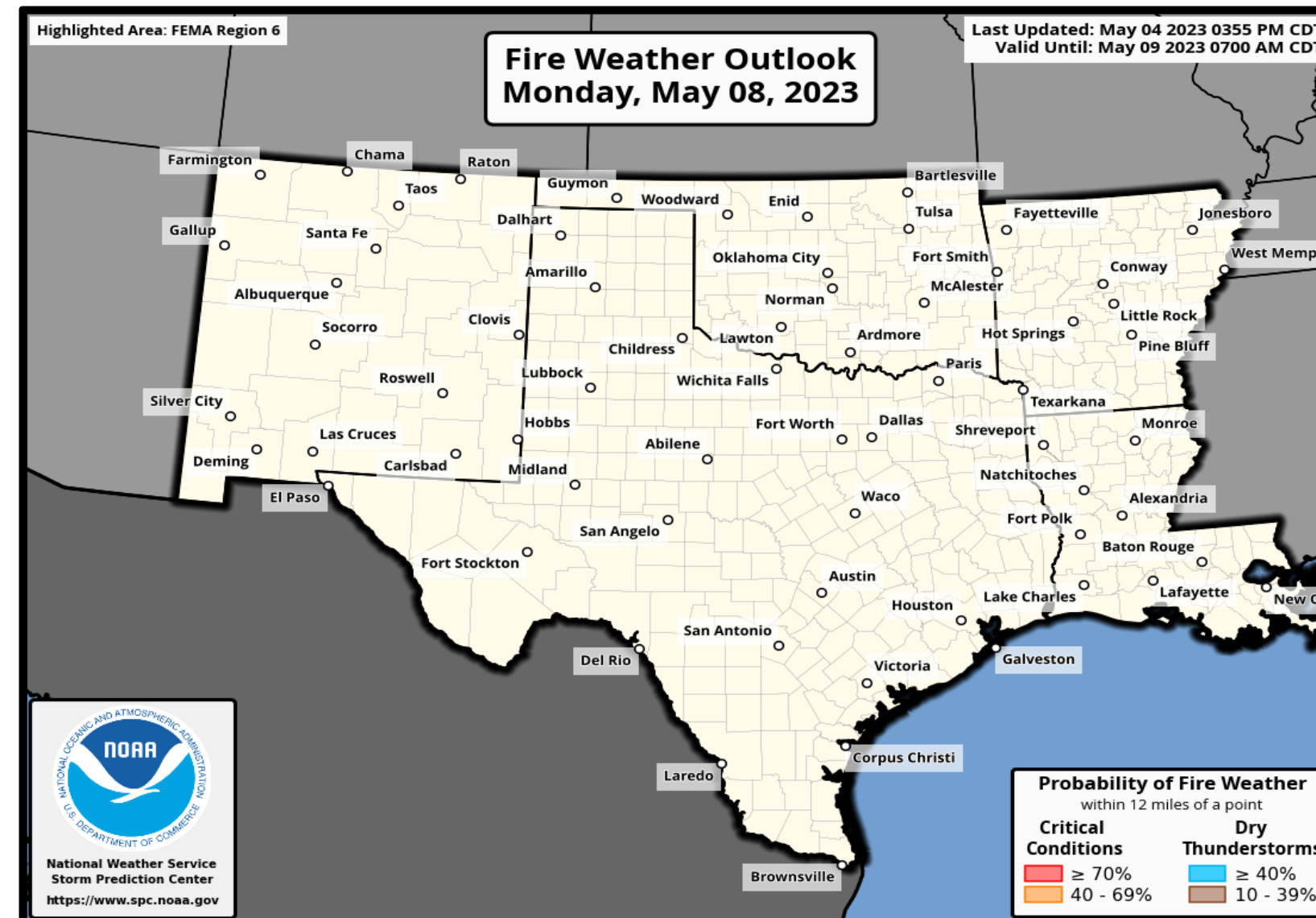
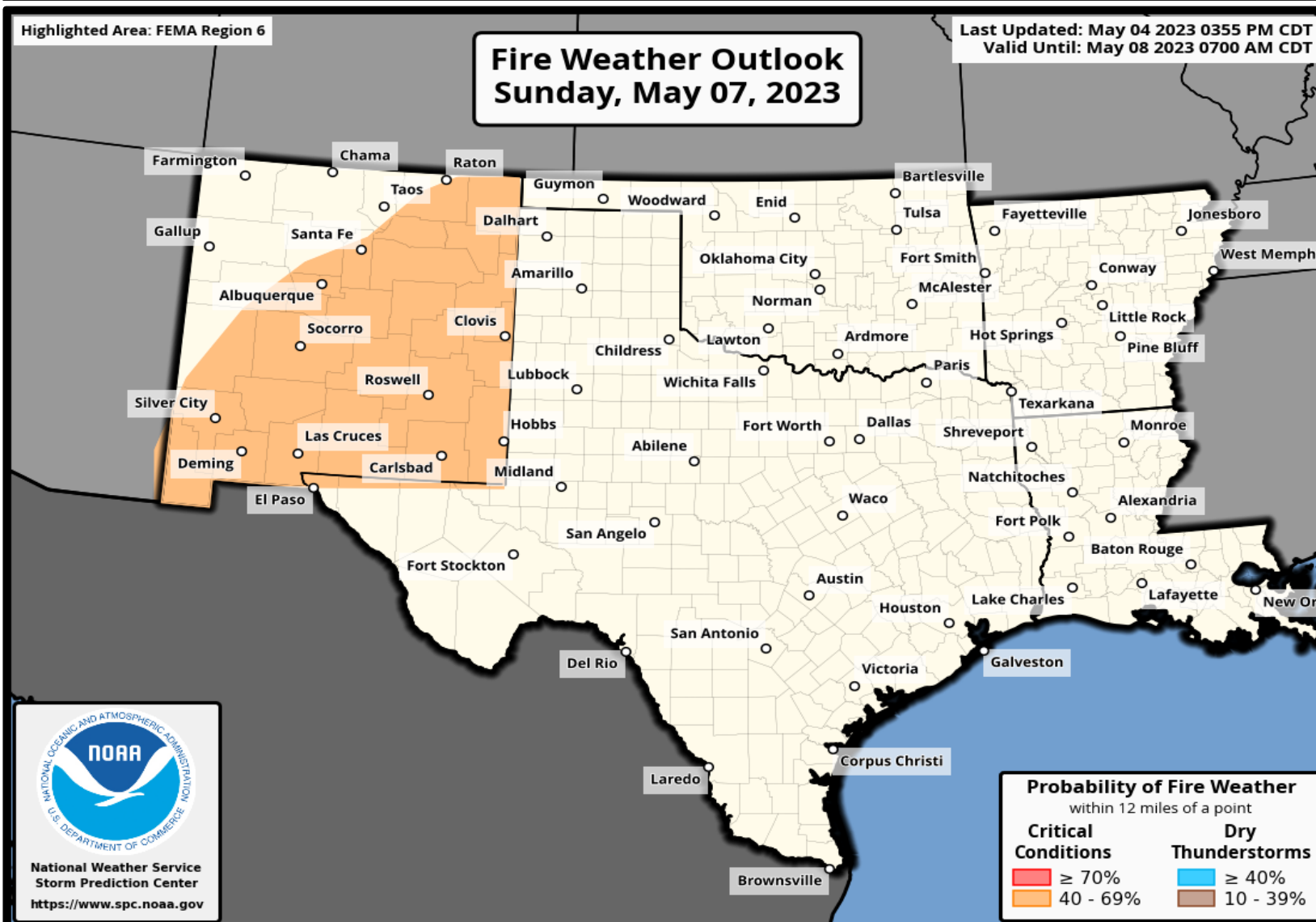
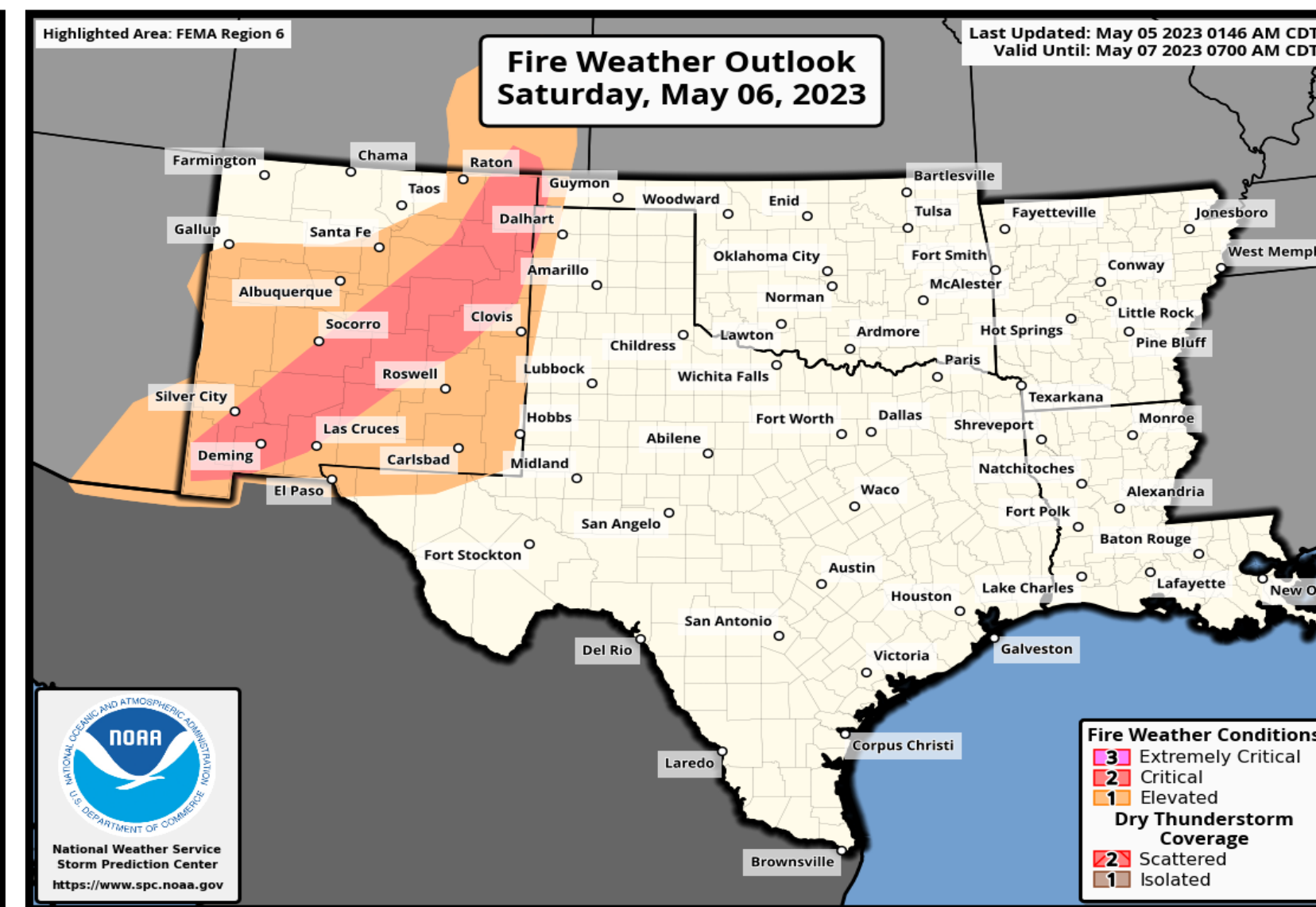
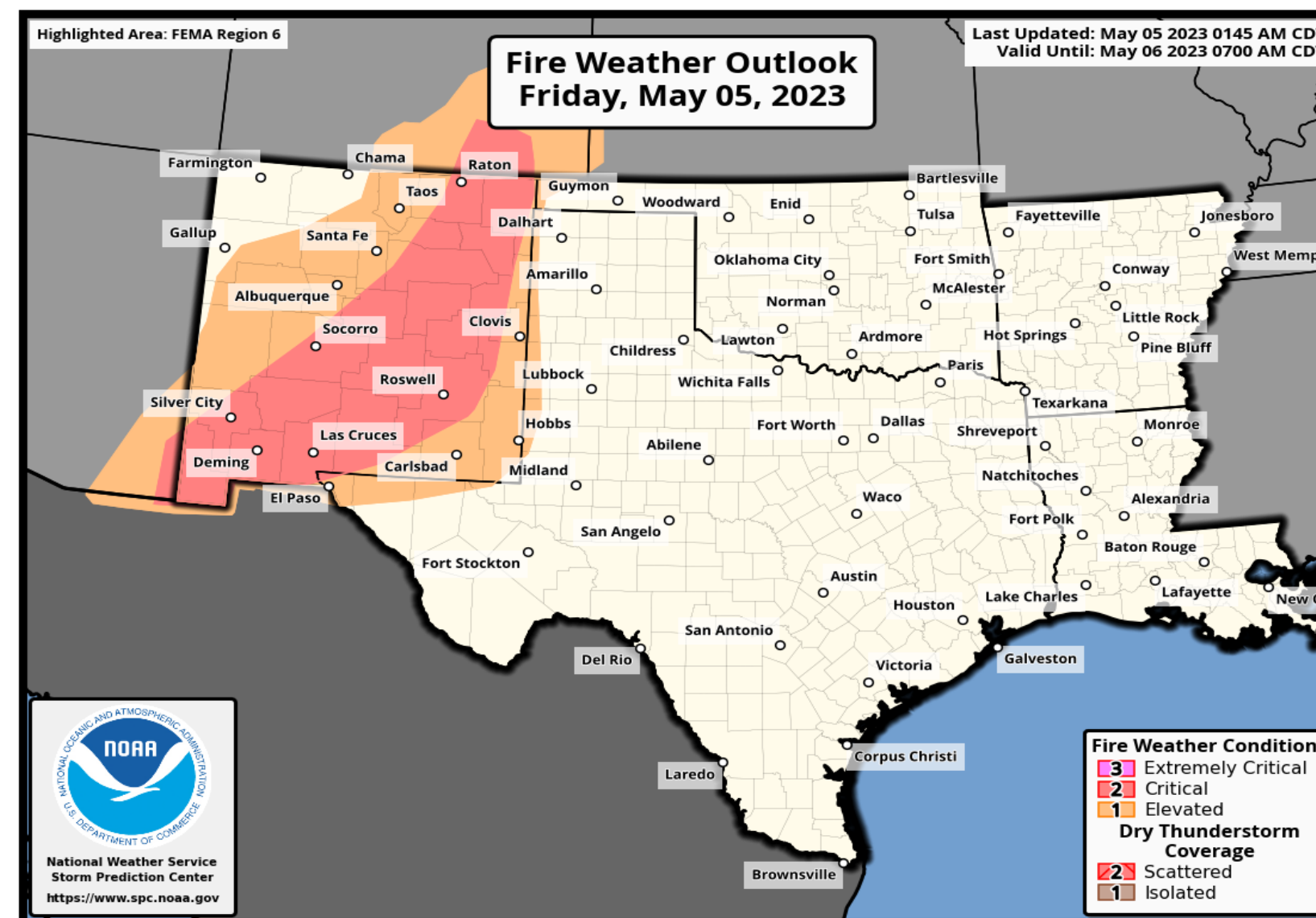
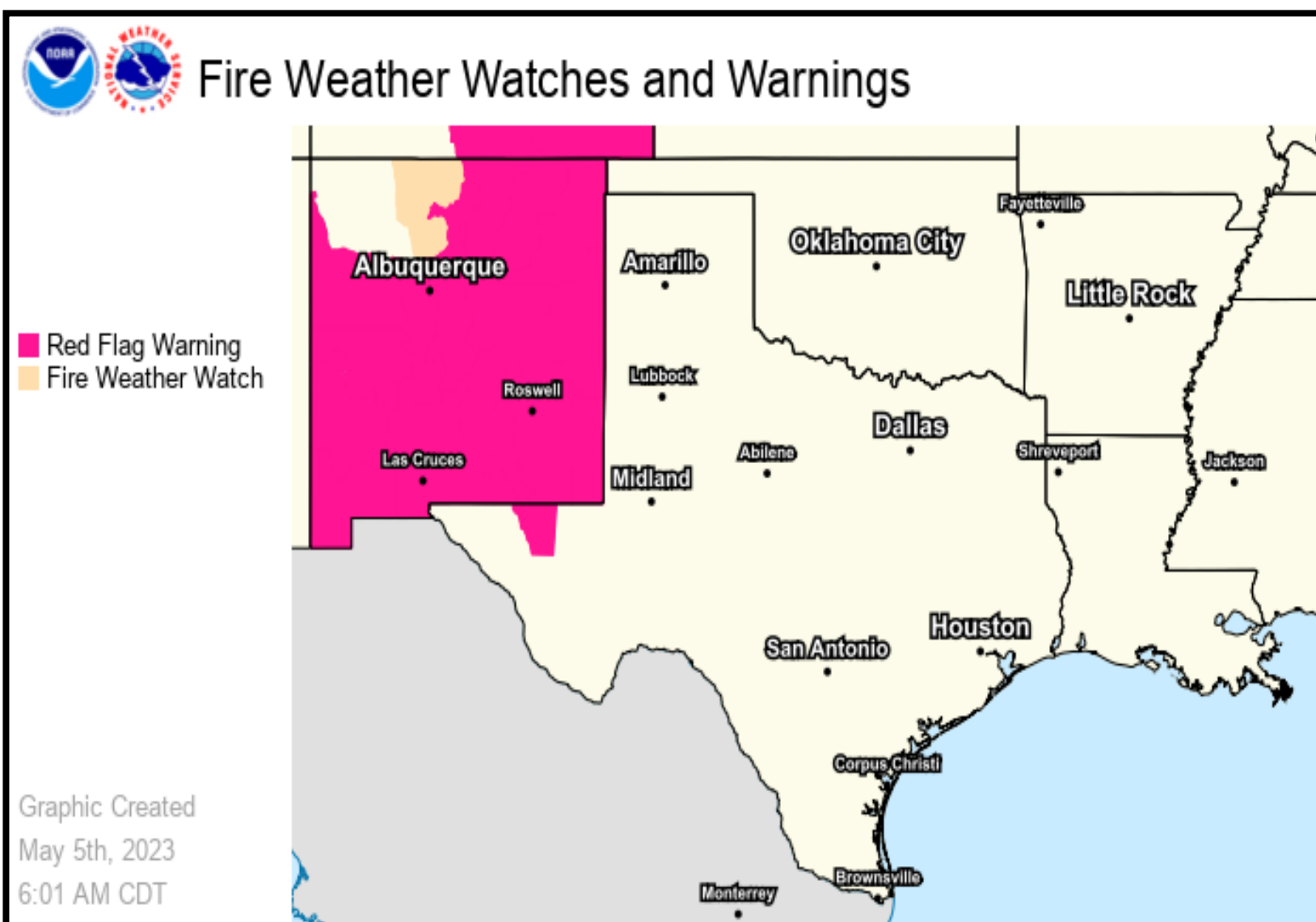


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





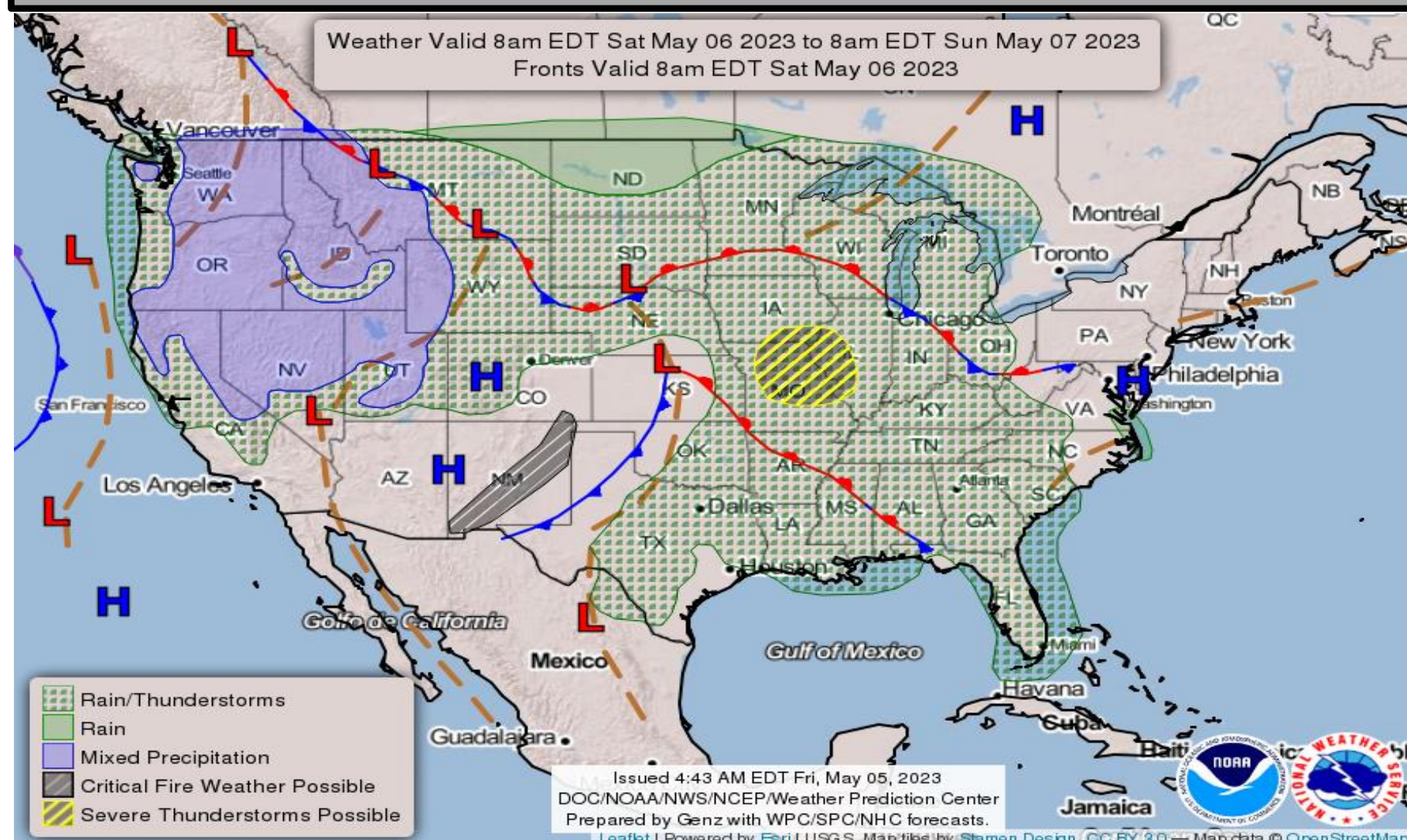
Fire Weather Outlooks



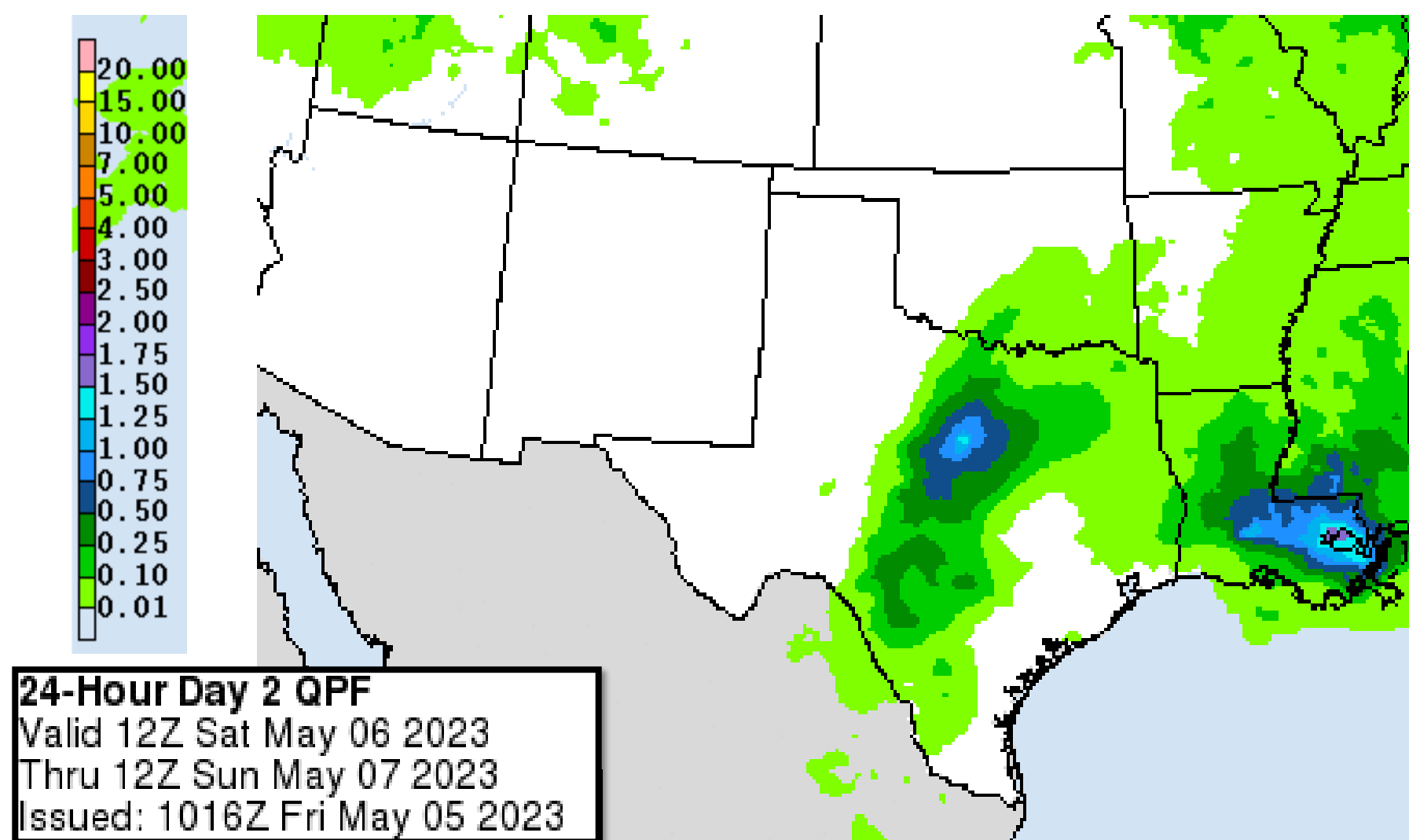


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



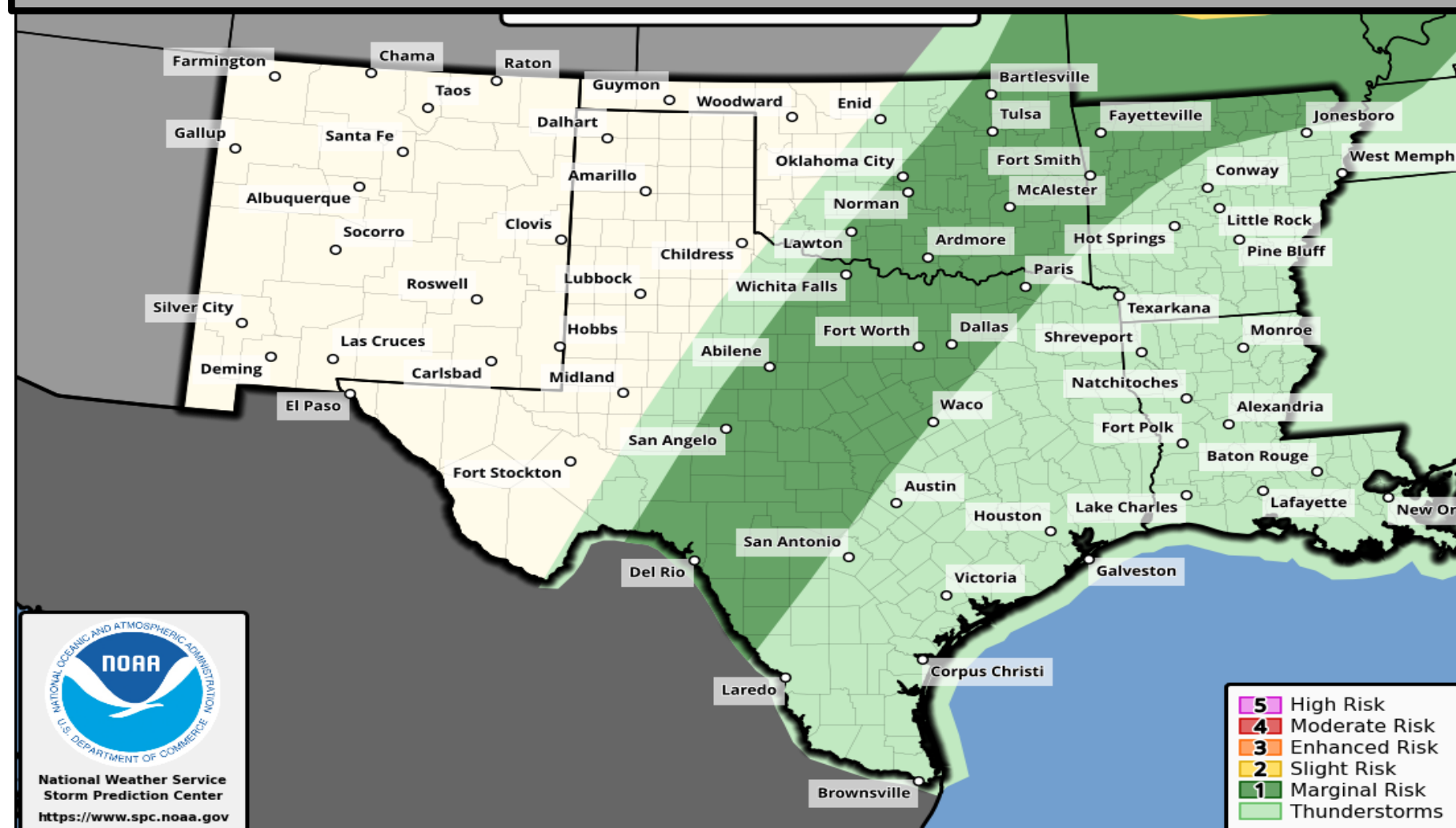
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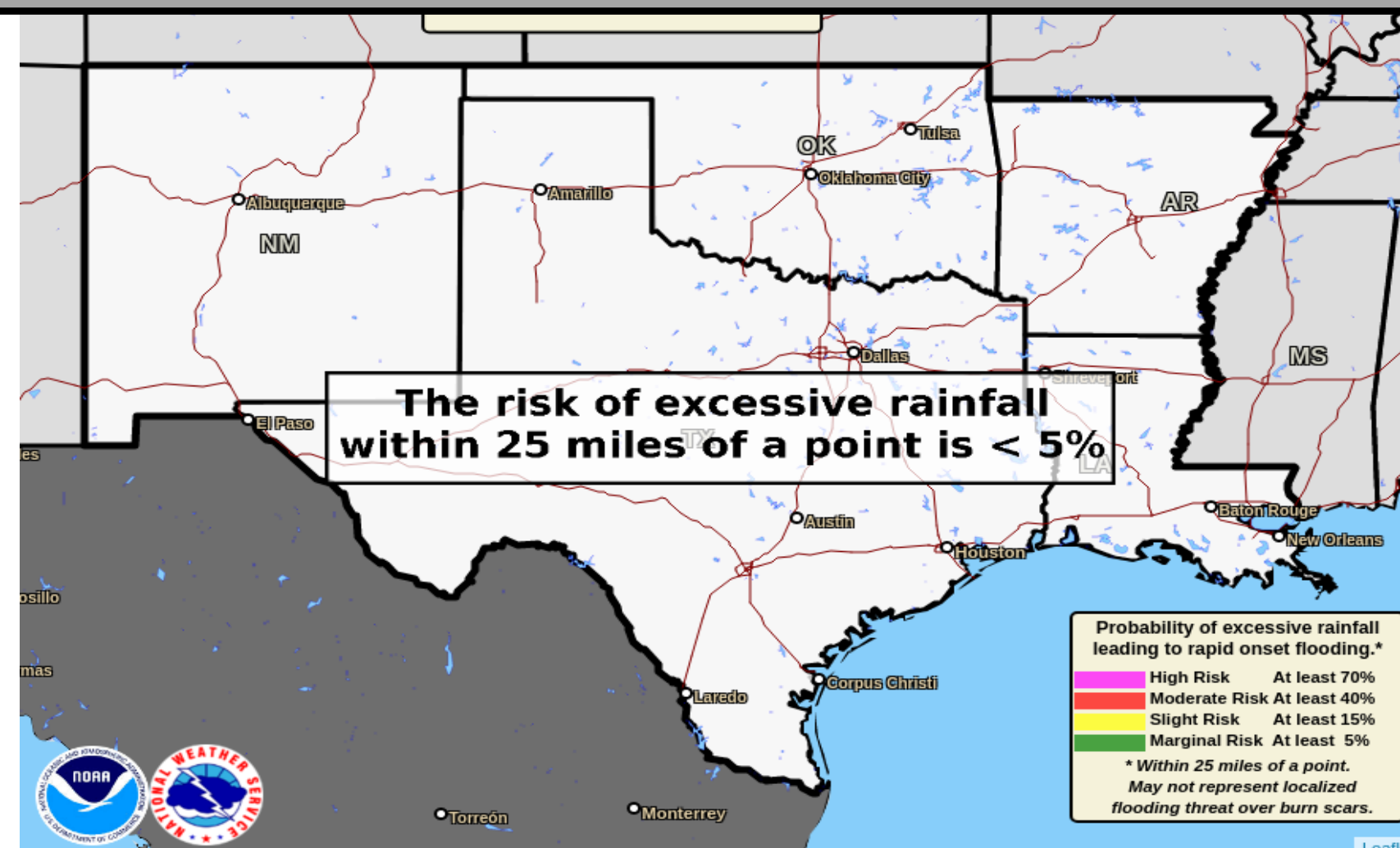
**Critical fire weather conditions
NM, W TX.**

**Marginal Risk of severe
thunderstorms across NE OK
into SW TX, N AR. Main
threats are hail and wind. An
isolated tornado is possible.**

Severe Weather Outlook



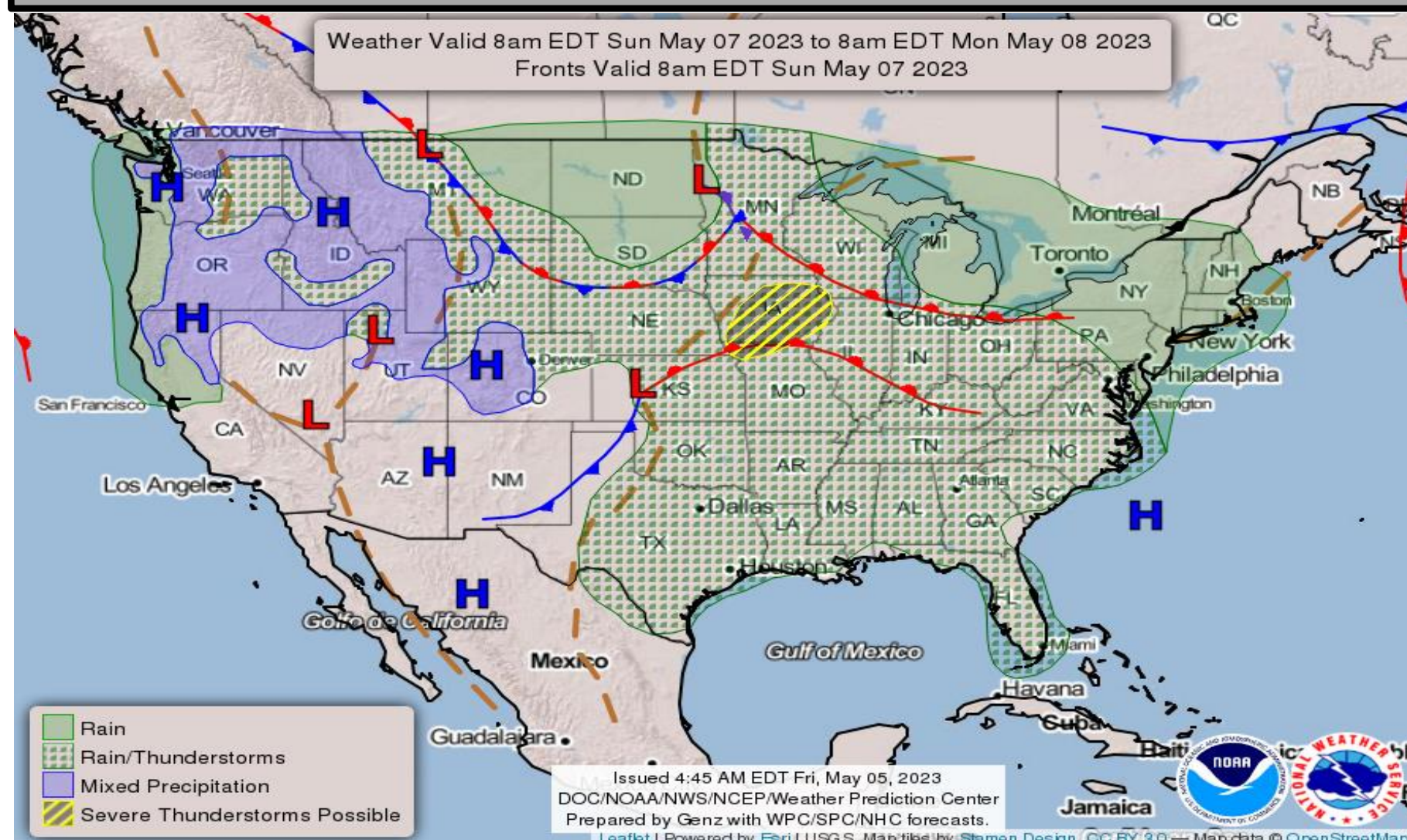
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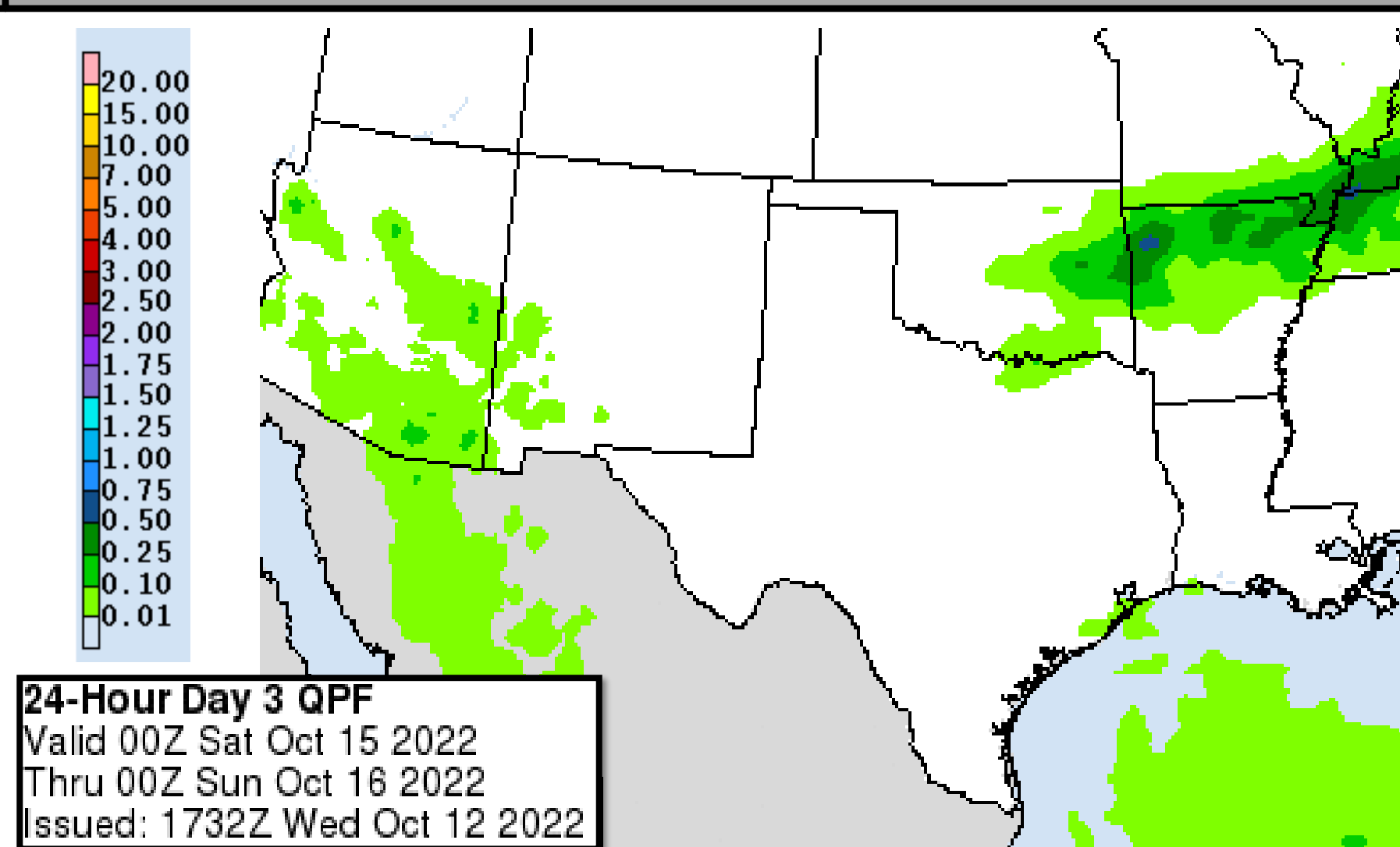


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



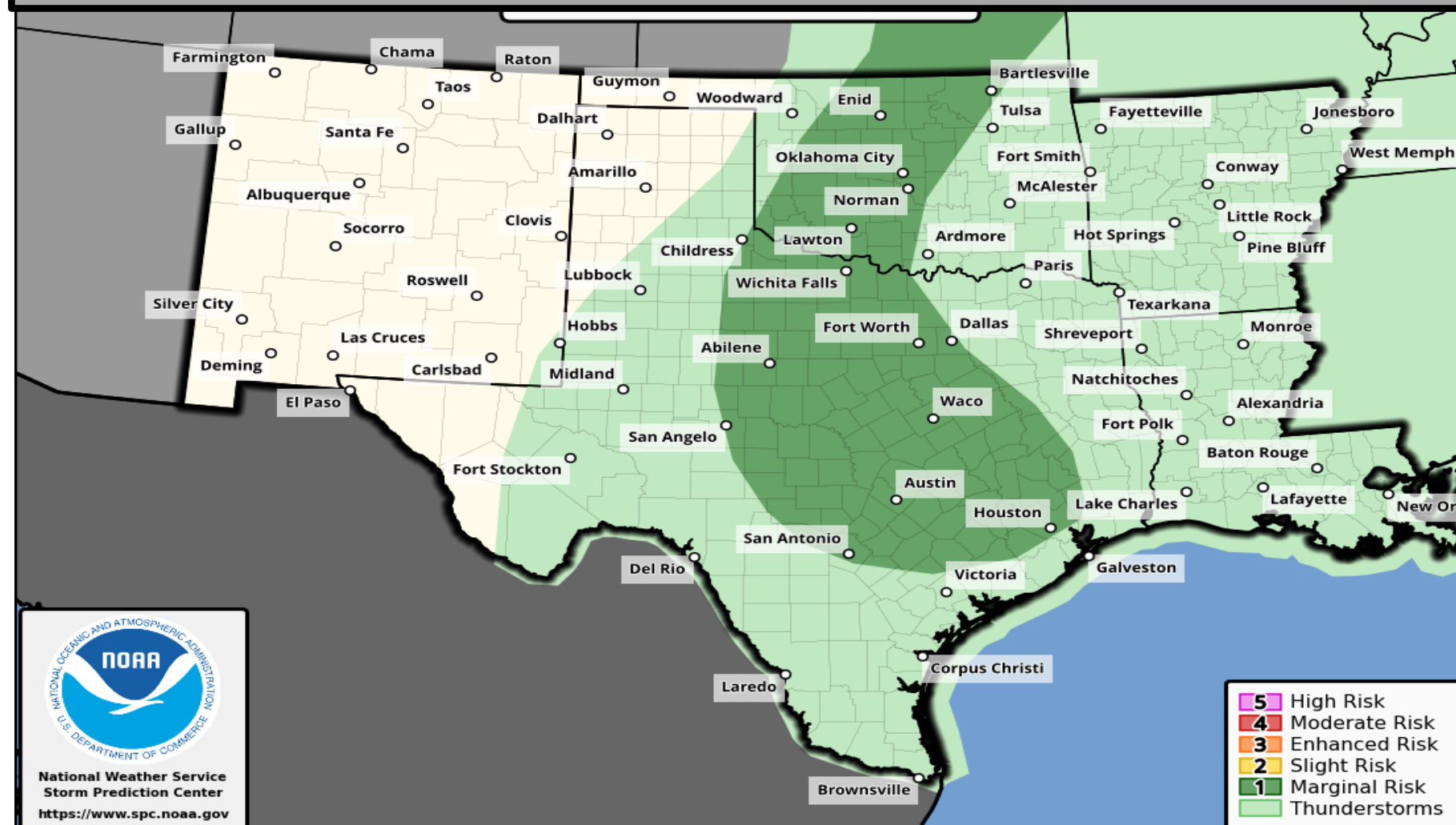
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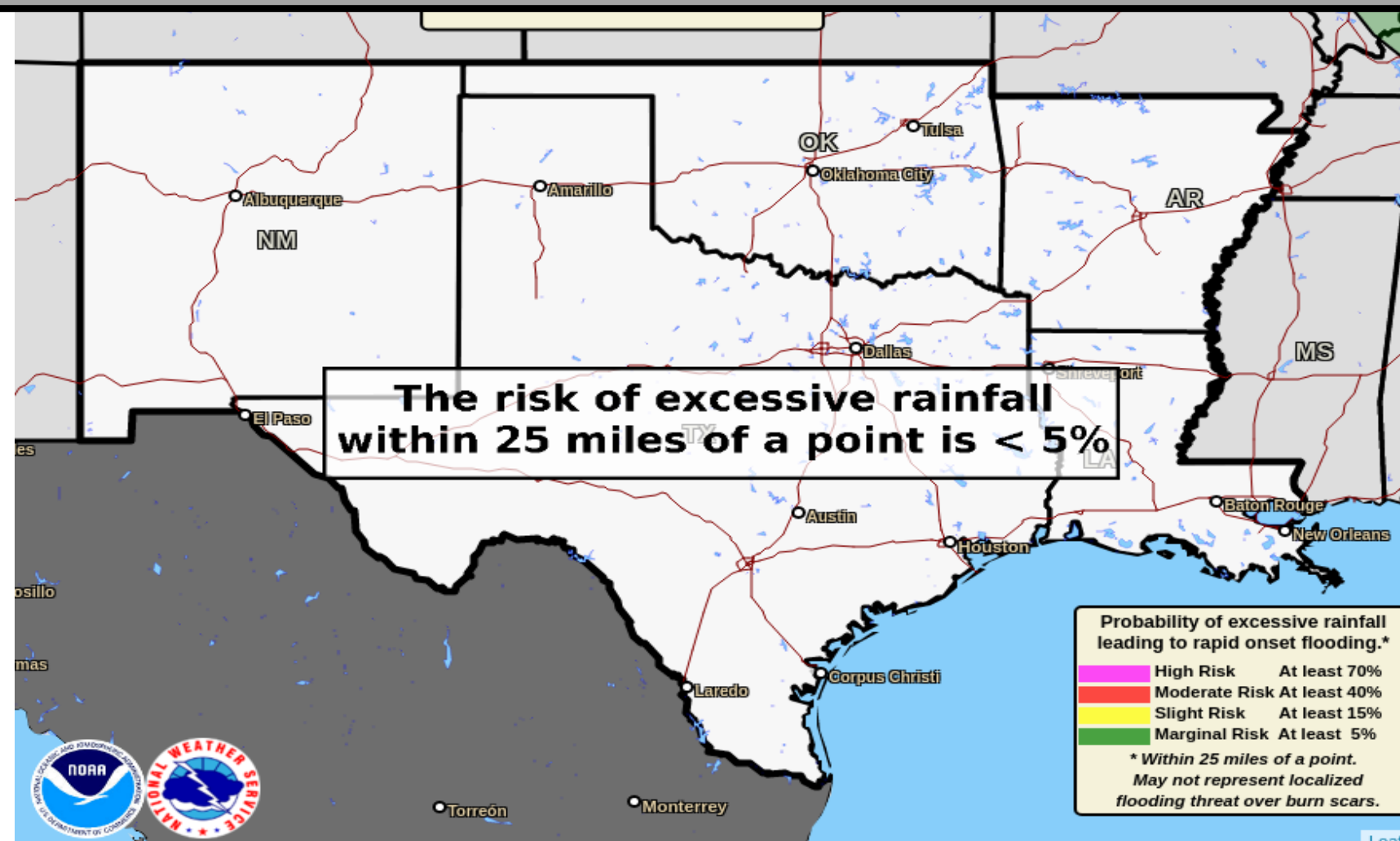
Elevated fire weather conditions NM.

Marginal Risk of severe thunderstorms across Ctrl OK, Ctrl TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



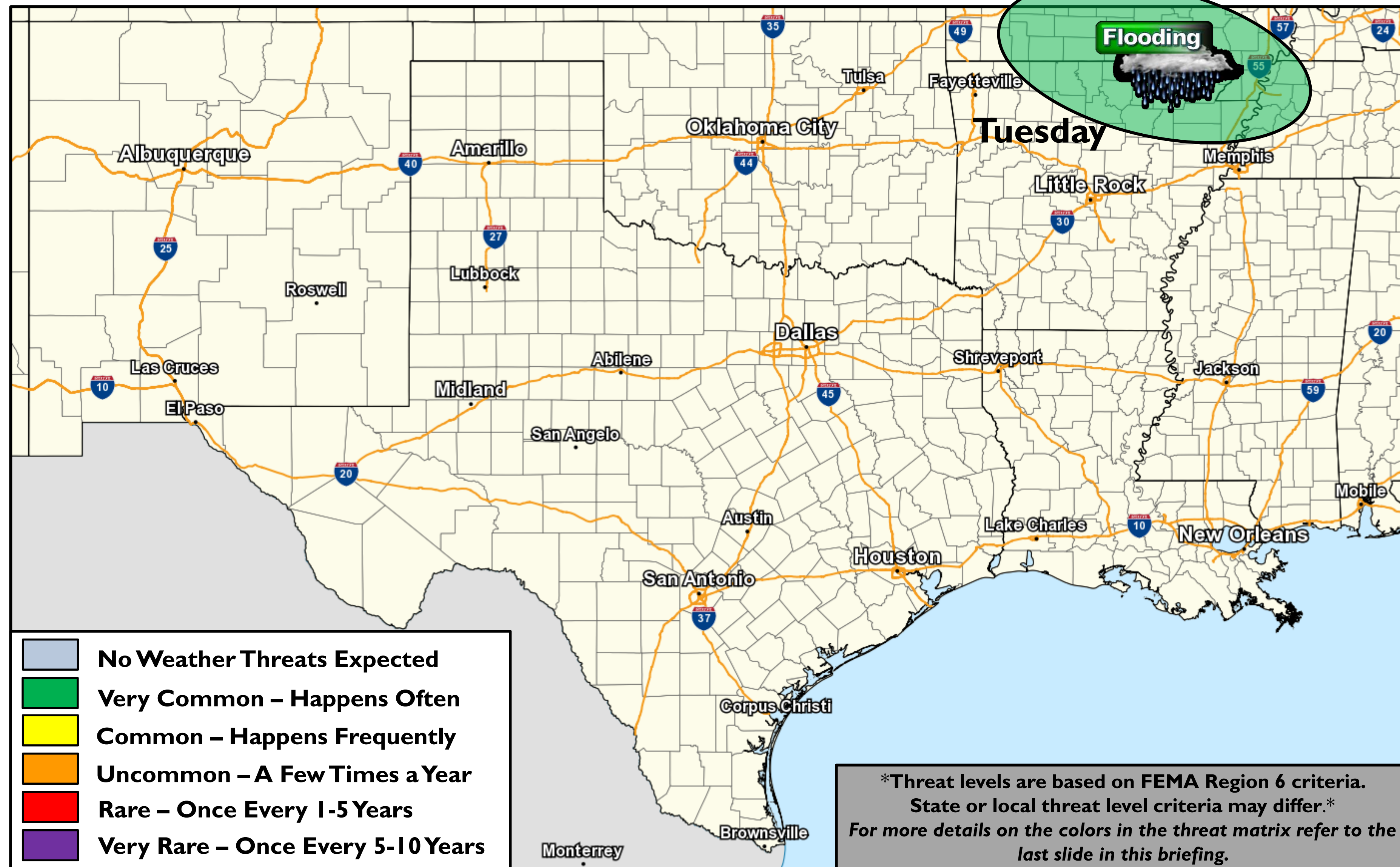
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Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday - Tuesday

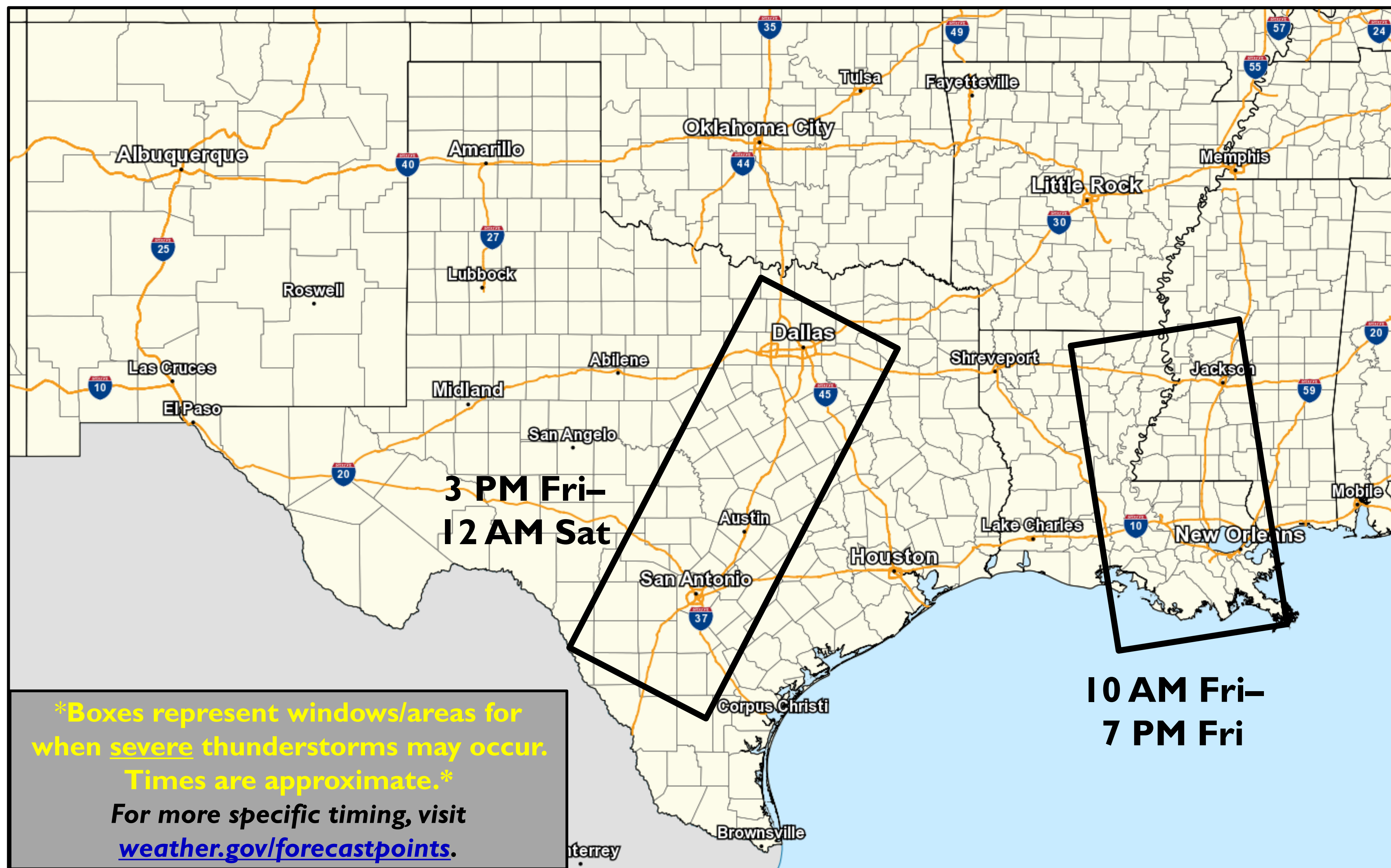


Marginal risk for heavy rainfall/flash flooding in N AR on Tuesday.



Hazard Timing: Thursday Afternoon and Evening

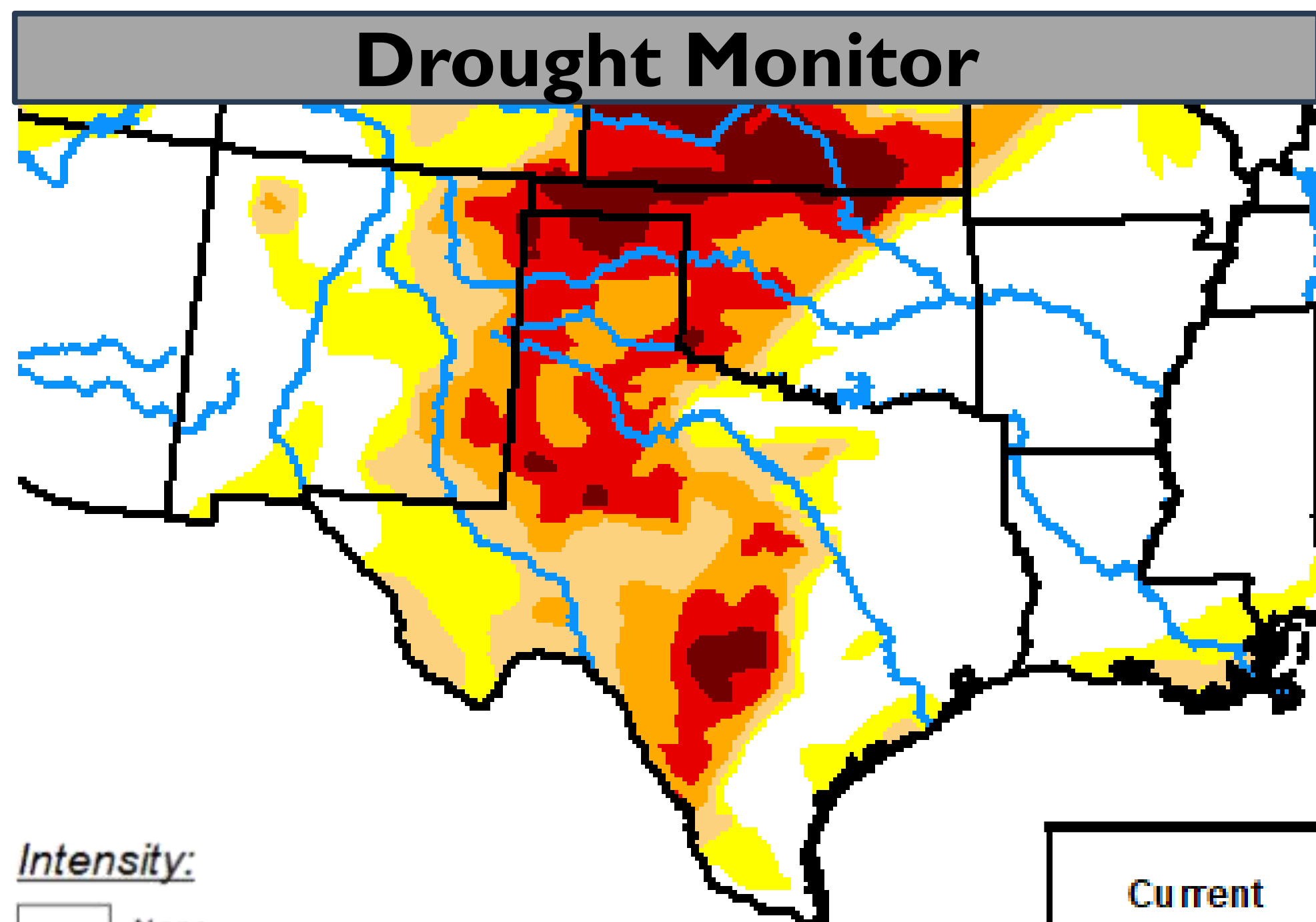
Severe Thunderstorms



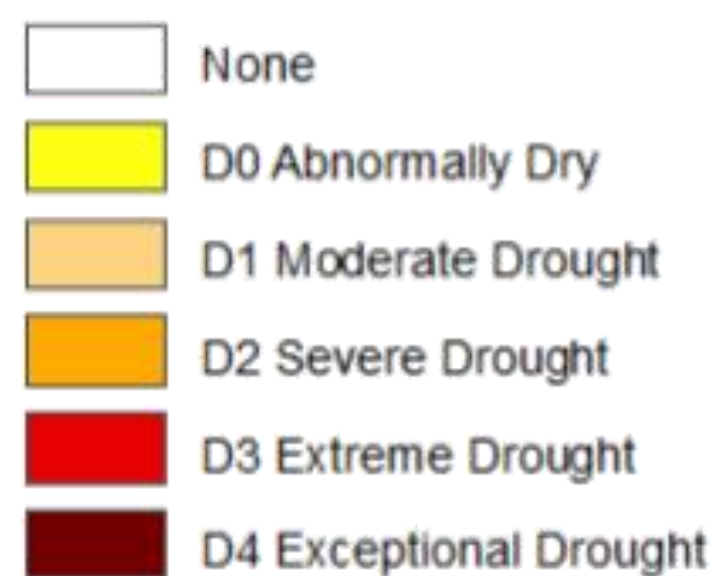


Drought Monitor (Released May 4, 2023)

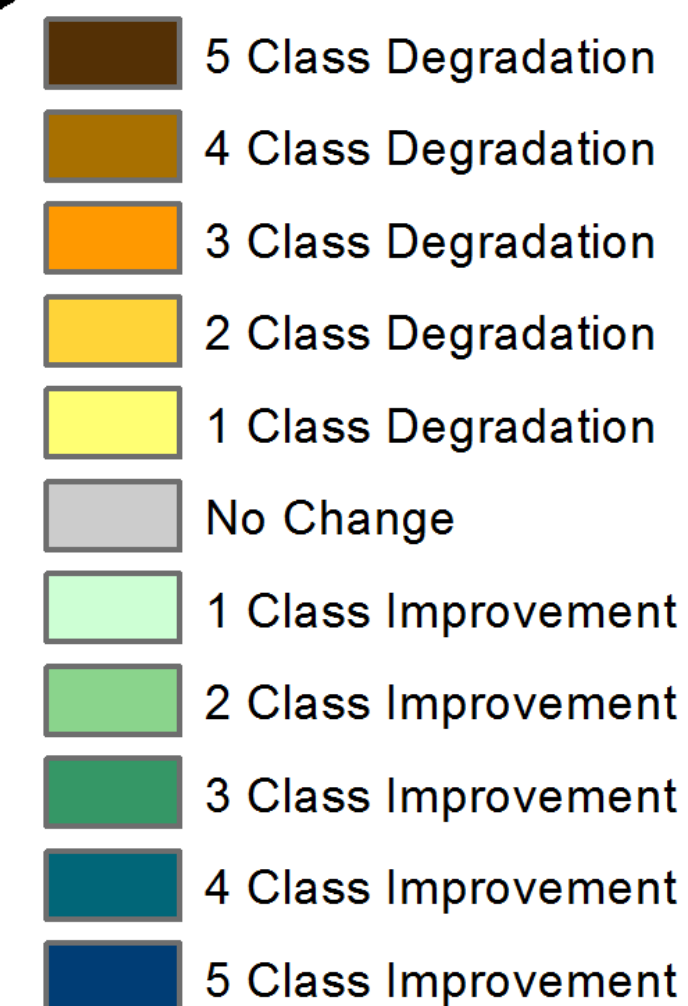
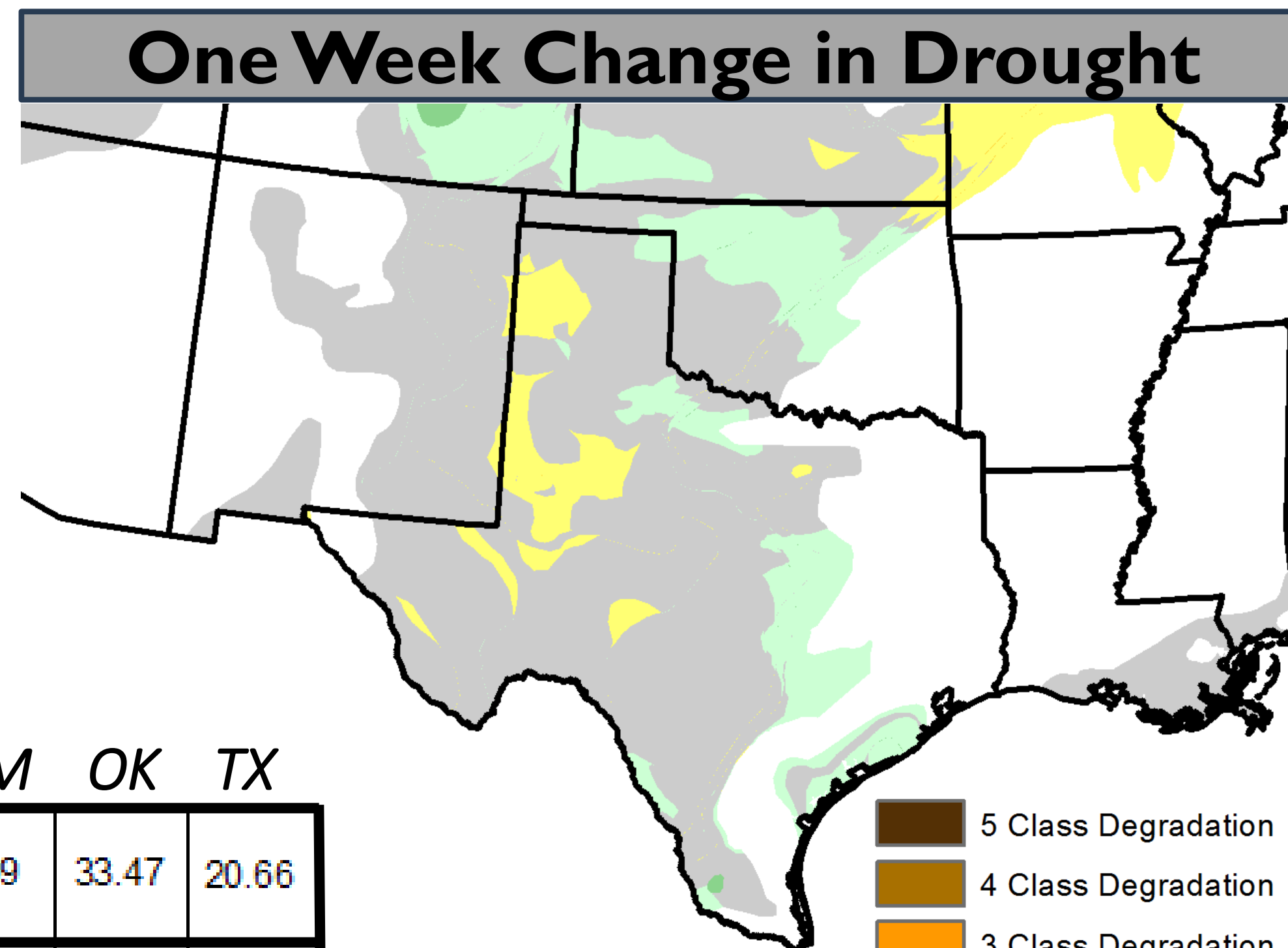
Data valid as of 8 am ET on Tuesday, May 2, 2023



Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



	AR	LA	NM	OK	TX
Current	0.00	0.00	4.99	33.47	20.66
Last Week 04-25-2023	0.00	0.00	4.18	43.19	16.58
3 Months Ago 01-31-2023	0.00	0.00	3.78	55.71	7.89
One Year Ago 05-03-2022	0.00	12.66	79.05	39.38	50.91

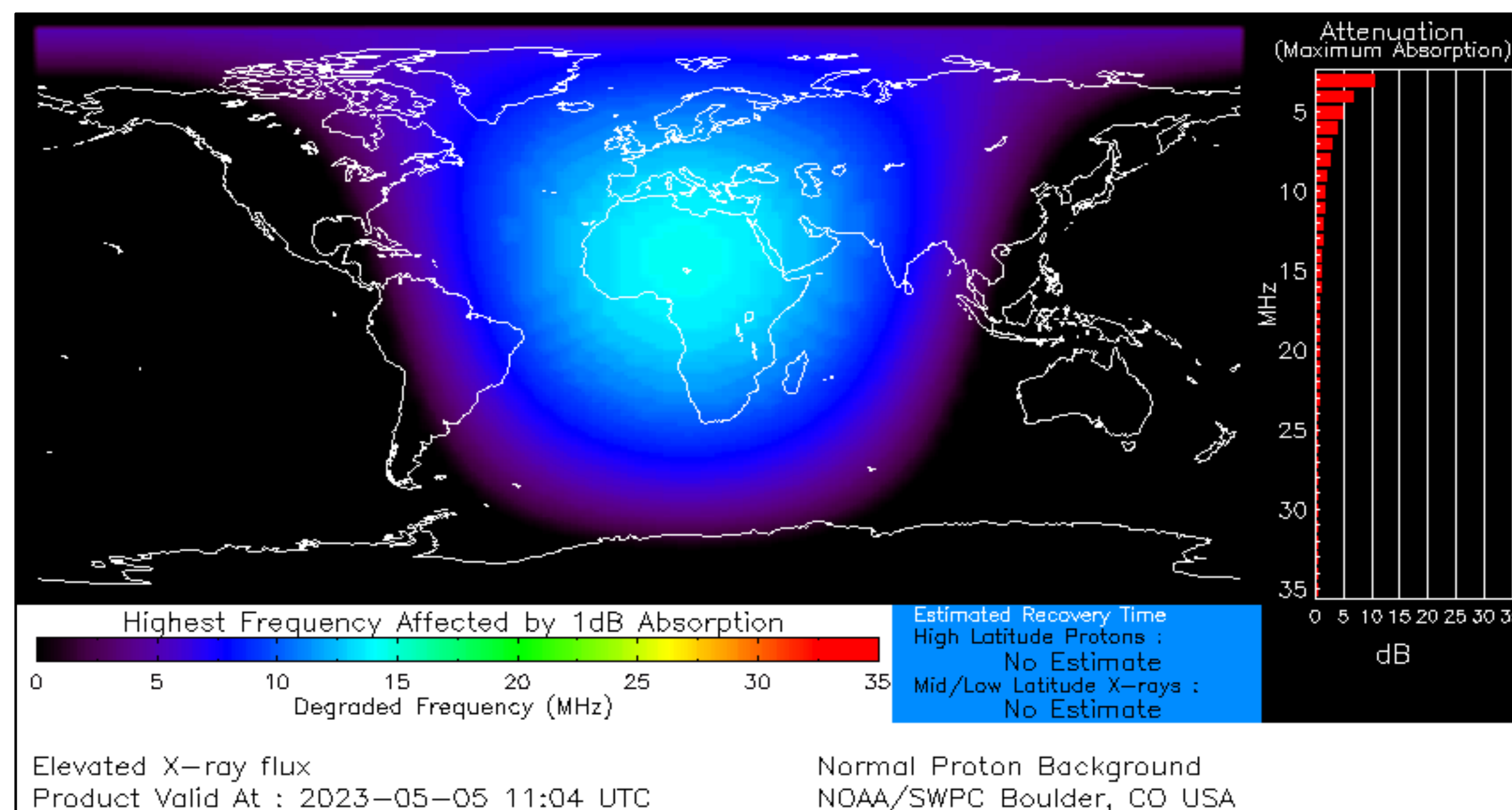
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)



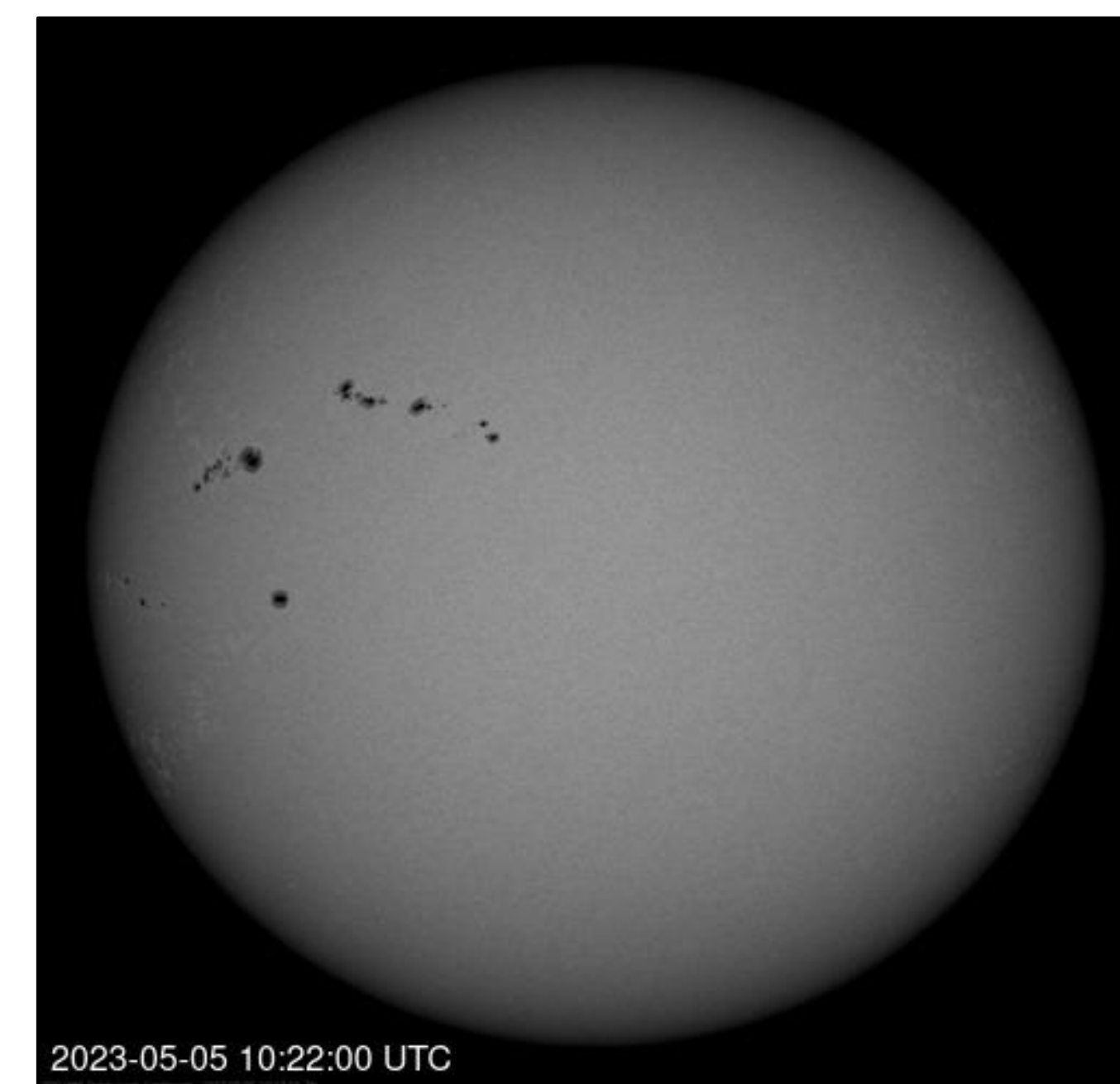
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	5%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	50%	50%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	15%	10%	10%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as sea breeze storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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